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TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: VIOLENCE AGAINST UNARMED CIVILIAMS

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MORAL OR MILITARY JUSTIFICATION. THEY WILL NOT ADVANCE OR RETARD ZIMBABWE'S INDEPENDENCE BY ONE DAY. FURTHER, THEY CALL INTO QUESTION THE GOOD FAITH OR PROTESTATIONS ON BOTH SIDES THAT THERE IS GENUINE INTEREST IN A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. FINALLY, SUCH ACTION CREATES A

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL CLIMATE, BOTH IN THE WEST AND AMONG THE PARTIES, IN WHICH THE GOOD WILL AND TOLERANCE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE SUCH A SETTLEMENT IS SHARPLY REDUCED, THUS PUTTING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ITSELF IN JEOPARDY.

3. WE ARE GIVING UK EMBASSY HERE A COPY OF THIS CABLE, BUT OF COURSE THEY WILL NOT HAVE HAD TIME TO GIVE CONSIDERED RESPONSE. SUGGEST YOU CONSULT WITH GRAHAM, WHO HOPEFULLY WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU MEET WITH NKOMO. IF NOT, YOU WILL HAVE TO USE YOUR COLLECTIVE JUDGMENT AS TO WHAT TO SAY TO NKOMO REGARDING THIS MATTER. VANCE

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